

Media consolidation is undercutting local broadcasting's ability to determine programming content and also has increasingly set in motion a systematic dictatorial process for eroding our democracy. The most glaring example of this comes from the recent partisan propaganda plans of Sinclair Broadcasting.

The use of the public airwaves, free of charge, requires media outlets to serve the public interest. Sinclair should not be allowed to operate in exception to this requirement. They are simply violating the law! The FCC should not sit idle and let these kinds of behaviors happen. We need much better media oversight from the FCC. I'm hopeful that a more balanced perspective will be used in issuing licenses and renewals in the future. Focused effort and attention needs to be regained to ensure balanced and equal air time for all groups seeking to progress and promote their agenda over the public airwaves. To do less is unacceptable. Doing the same thing as the present gives the unmistakable impression that the FCC has enabled the efforts of large companies who seek total control of the public airwaves while overwhelmingly controlling news and views and trying to maximize their bottomline. The FCC needs to strengthen media ownership rules instead of weakening them and/or ignoring what their licensed media outlets are doing. We need and deserve better FCC action for the sake of our republic and our relations with the rest of the world, which is paying attention to what we do and report.

I look forward to receiving information on what the FCC does with the recent Sinclair actions and with others who violate the public trust and laws. Thank you.